

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N. BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
MINUTES  
07-18-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

Tom Luke came before the Board to ask about getting some financial help for the Adult Education classes. The Auditor will check the status of the alternative school money.

**SEE CAFO**

The group of neighbors concerned with the building of the See CAFO appeared before the Board once again. Jerry Smith was the spokesperson this week. The group wanted to know how much time they had to appeal the decision of the Board of Commissioners. Pat Roberts, Attorney for the Board, told the group there was nothing to appeal; their appeal would be with Planning and Zoning along with IDEM. They have filed an appeal with IDEM. They asked about Planning and Zoning and Mr. Roberts said that if they he wanted to build something and the requirement said you had to own a blue umbrella and he owned a blue umbrella, he met the requirement. One of the group members asked what if he had the blue umbrella but didn't own it. Mr. Roberts said then he could be sued for fraud.

\*If the Engineer had a problem with the permit, what would the BOC do? Mr. Roberts replied that there would be nothing the Board could do.

\*If the building is built and didn't meet the requirement, what would the BOC do? Mr. Roberts replied that it would not be up to the BOC but Planning and Zoning would have to take action.

\*Chairman Boyer had told the group that he would check to see if there are any gas wells on the property and he did not find that there were any.

\*Asked the Board about changing the County Ordinance. The Board is looking at the ordinance but even if they decide to make a change, it would not be effective in time to do anything for this group. Commissioner Faust asked if there could be a bond added to cover any road repair due to damage from construction. Chairman Boyer said it would behoove us to find a way to protect our roads. Jerry Smith stated he used to haul manure for Mr. Leedy and there was a lot of damage to the road but Mr. Leedy wasn't concerned about it.

\*The Board told the group that if the See's have met all of the County requirements, their hands are tied.

The Board thanked them for coming in.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

Chairman Boyer mentioned he has had calls concerning abandoned properties and Canadian thistles. It takes half of the summer to get the paperwork done to get a weed lien which is a real problem. Mr. Roberts will look at the process.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, brought three different maps to the Board with different scenarios for re-districting. The rivers are the current lines but there is big gap in population, such as approximately 18,000 in the southern part of the County verses approximately 4,000 in the North section. The Board will have to study this to find the best option.

In order to change the lines, the Board of Commissioners has to sign a form and send it to the State by August 10, 2011. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the form and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

## RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked Mr. Roberts if he had the computer section of the personnel policy revised yet because she has a \$2,000 laptop that she cannot use without a VPN. Commissioner Francis said that he has a problem telling someone they can have it and then telling someone else they can't. Mrs. Weaver said they do that now because they let the IT Director and the 9-1-1 Director have it. Commissioner Francis stated those two positions have to have it to do their job which at times calls for them to work outside of the 8-4 hours of the Courthouse. The Recorder stated that she needed it to do her job too. Commissioner Francis said would not be required to do outside of the 8-4 regular work day. The Recorder wanted to know what she could do to get it or would the Commissioners like to buy a \$2,000 laptop because without the VPN she would have no use for it. The Recorder said she needed it to bring in revenue because she only gets two salaries and some part time money from County General and this is the only other money she gets. Commissioner Faust disagreed with this statement because she does receive money for other services. The Recorder will check back later.

## HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, had questions about the signs for the Business 31 project. They should be 30 inches but they are 24 inches. The Board has also received some complaints about trash and metal pipes left at the side of the road.

## EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that the County received a grant from REMS in the amount of \$3,900 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grain bin extractor. Mr. Marks also requested permission to purchase 3 new radios for his volunteers. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## BIDS TO MOVE GENERATOR

John Powell, IT Director, brought 3 bids for moving the generator from the old jail to the Courthouse. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the bid from D & L Electric in the amount of \$21,579.33. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## BUTLER FAIRMAN & SEYFERT BILL

The Board received a bill from Butler, Fairman & Seyfert in the amount of \$1,905. Commissioner Francis made a motion to hold until next week Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

## CLAIMS

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

## BILL FROM UMBAUGH

The Board received a bill from Umbaugh for the yearly report. Commissioner Faust made a motion to process for payment. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## EMPLOYEE TIMECARD

A timecard from an employee that left the County's employment needed a signature. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have the Chairman sign the timecard. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 2:00. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## RECESS

## BACK IN SESSION

INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT ON HANGER 200 PROJECT

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to accept and sign the revised inter-local agreement for the Hanger 200 project. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ISSUE

Alan Hunt, Highway, asked the Board why the IT Director would not let the Highway buy computers for their trucks. Commissioner Faust will talk with the IT Director to find out what the issues are.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**